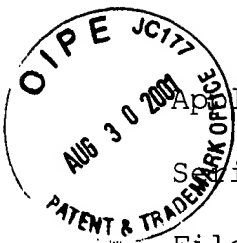


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Hiromasa OKUBO et al. Conf. 2894  
Serial No. 09/657,815  
Filed: September 8, 2000 Art Unit 2854  
For: PRINTING BLANKET

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents August 30, 2001  
Washington, D.C. 20231 Thursday

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 30, 2001, the period for response to which having been extended to and including August 30, 2001 the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice or disclaimer of any of the subject matter contained therein.

Add the following new claims:

8. A cylindrical printing blanket comprising a seamless sleeve and a sheet-like blanket being bonded to an outer surface of said seamless sleeve, said sheet-like blanket comprising in

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